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SUBJECT: 44 HAITIANS AT GTMO

REF: GTMO 1523587 JULY 78

1. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING FINALIZED FOR ARRIVAL OF
STATE, INS, AND UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES IN PORT AU PRINCE
ON PAN AM NO. 431 AT 1615 LOCAL TIME JULY 21. TEAM
WILL CONSIST OF MR. WARD CHRISTENSEN (FSO-3), REFUGEE
AND MIGRATION OFFICER, MR. WARREN PINEGAR, UNHCR OF-
FICIAL, AND AN INS OFFICER FROM MIAMI. DEPT. HAS RE-
QUESTED THAT INS SEND CREOLE-SPEAKING OFFICER, IF POS-
SIBLE, TO SERVE AS INTERPRETER. FYI - INS IS EXPECTED
TO BEGIN HEARINGS ON THE OVER 8,000 PENDING HAITIAN
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ASYLUM REQUESTS VERY SOON AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEND
A CREOLE-SPEAKING OFFICER NOR AN INTERPRETER. UNDER
THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPT. MAY REQUEST THAT TIGHE
RETURN WITH TEAM TO GTMO TO SERVE AS INTERPRETER. END
FYI.

2. STATE AND INS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LIKE TO MEET

WITH MR. CLIFFORD TIGHE ON SATURDAY TO REVIEW HIS NOTES
ON 44 HAITIANS AND CROSS-CHECK THEM WITH CONSULAR
FILES.

3. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH TIGHE AND POSSIBLY DCM ON
SATURDAY, TEAM WOULD BE READY TO TRAVEL TO GTMO ON U.S.
MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON SUNDAY, JULY 23, AS DEPT. OF NAVY
VOLUNTEERED TO DO.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SECURE SUITABLE ACCOMODATIONS
FOR 3 TEAM REPRESENTATIVES FOR JULY 21 AND 22. AS INS
OR UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE UNABLE TO SECURE HAITIAN
ENTRY VISAS BEFORE FRIDAY DEPARTURE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED
TO INFORM GOH AUTHORITIES AND SECURE APPROPRIATE
PERMISSION, IF NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THEIR ENTRY.
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